

CHAPTER 105
DEER POPULATION MANAGEMENT AREAS

571—105.1(481A) Purpose. The purpose of this chapter is to establish special deer population management areas on selected properties managed by the department and county conservation boards or located in specific cities or in other government jurisdictions to ensure the harvest of a specific number of deer to reduce economic and biological damage caused by high deer populations.

571—105.2(481A) Definitions.

“*Area*” means recreation areas as designated in 571—61.2(461A).

“*Department*” means the department of natural resources.

“*Special deer management zone*” means defined units of public and private land.

“*Urban*” means areas mostly within incorporated city limits including county and state land.

571—105.3(481A) Designated areas.

105.3(1) State park and recreation areas.

105.3(2) Urban deer management units.

105.3(3) Iowa Army Ammunition Plant Deer Management Unit.

105.3(4) County park deer management units.

105.3(5) Special deer management zones.

571—105.4(481A) Conditions. The hunting of deer shall be permitted subject to the following conditions, limitations and procedures.

105.4(1) State parks and recreation areas.

a. Deer hunting on the area may occur only when approved by the natural resource commission and on dates established by the commission. Before presenting its recommendations to the commission, the department shall hold a public meeting in the vicinity of any state park or recreation area for the purpose of assessing the need for and interest in holding a deer population control hunt in that park or recreation area. A summary of public comments received at the meeting shall be included with other recommendations related to hunting the state park or recreation area.

b. Every hunter must have in possession a paid special antlerless-deer-only hunting license valid only for the specific state park or recreation area.

c. If the commission approves a hunting season, the commission shall establish the number of special antlerless-deer-only licenses valid only for each state park or recreation area which shall be valid only for the season specified.

d. The special licenses will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis at the specified locations on dates announced by the commission.

e. Special antlerless-deer-only licenses shall normally be limited to one per person, shall be issued to Iowa residents only and shall cost \$25. The commission may establish procedures for issuing more than one license per person if quotas for any hunt do not fill. If more than one antlerless license is allowed, all antlerless licenses issued after the first license shall cost \$10.

f. Only 10-, 12-, 16- or 20-gauge shotguns, shooting single slugs only, and flintlock and percussion cap lock muzzleloaded rifles or muskets of not less than .44 caliber nor larger than .775 caliber, shooting single projectiles only, or recurve, compound or longbows shooting broadhead arrows will be permitted.

g. All licensees shall attend a special meeting prior to hunting in a state park or recreation area to become familiar with boundaries, location of private lands, safety areas around buildings, access points, objectives of the hunt and other aspects of hunting on a special deer population management area.

h. All licensees who are successful during the hunt must check their deer at the designated headquarters prior to leaving the area.

i. For special youth educational hunts at state parks or recreation areas, licensing requirements for accompanying adults are the same as for youth deer hunts as established by 571—subrule 106.10(1).

105.4(2) *Urban deer management units.*

a. Special urban deer management units will be defined and seasons and method of take established upon request from the city or special deer task force and approved by the natural resource commission.

b. Deer hunting in the unit may occur only when approved by the natural resource commission according to the number, type of license, and dates established by the commission.

c. Every hunter must have in possession a current paid special deer license for the city specified.

d. Special urban deer licenses shall cost \$25 and shall be issued to Iowa residents only. The commission may establish procedures for issuing more than one license per person if quotas for any hunt do not fill. If more than one antlerless license is allowed, all antlerless licenses issued after the first license shall cost \$10.

e. Cities, deer task forces, or other public entities may require hunters to do one or more of the following: pass a hunter safety and education course, pass a weapons proficiency test, or be approved by the appropriate police department or conservation officer.

f. Hunting in urban deer management units shall be limited to areas specified by the natural resource commission and city ordinance.

g. Other methods of deer removal in urban areas may be approved by the natural resource commission in cooperation with the city government.

105.4(3) *Iowa Army Ammunition Plant (IAAP) deer management unit.*

a. The deer management unit is defined as all federal land administered by the IAAP.

b. A maximum of 500 antlerless deer licenses shall be issued by the IAAP on a first-come, first-served basis.

c. Every hunter must have in possession a current paid special antlerless deer license for the IAAP only.

d. Special antlerless deer licenses will be valid for the IAAP only and must comply with all applicable regulations provided in 571—Chapter 106.

e. Special antlerless-only deer licenses for the IAAP deer management unit shall cost \$25 and shall be issued to Iowa residents only. The commission may establish procedures for issuing more than one license per person if quotas for any hunt do not fill. If more than one antlerless license is allowed, all antlerless licenses issued after the first license shall cost \$10.

f. All hunters must comply with IAAP requirements.

105.4(4) *County park deer management units.*

a. Deer hunting in the unit may occur only when approved by the natural resource commission according to the number, type of license, and dates established by the commission.

b. Every hunter must have in possession a paid special deer license valid only for the specified county park.

c. Special deer licenses valid only for specified county parks shall be issued for specified deer seasons and shall be valid only for the specified dates.

d. The special licenses issued for each season will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis at the location and dates announced by the natural resource commission.

e. The special deer licenses for each deer management area shall cost \$25 and shall be issued to Iowa residents only. The commission may establish procedures for issuing more than one license per person if quotas for any hunt do not fill. If more than one antlerless license is allowed, all antlerless licenses issued after the first license shall cost \$10.

f. Only 10-, 12-, 16- or 20-gauge shotguns, shooting single slugs only, and flintlock and percussion cap lock muzzleloaded rifles or muskets of not less than .44 caliber nor larger than .775 caliber, shooting single projectiles only, or archery equipment will be permitted.

g. County park managers may require licensees to pass a shooting proficiency test and attend a special meeting prior to hunting to become familiar with boundaries, location of private lands, safety areas around buildings, access points, objectives of the hunt and other aspects of hunting on a special deer population management area.

h. All licensees who are successful during the hunt must check their deer at the designated headquarters prior to leaving the area.

105.4(5) *Special deer management zones.*

a. Special deer management zones may be established as defined and approved by the natural resource commission.

b. The commission shall establish seasons, method of take and manner of issuing special antlerless-deer-only licenses valid only for each special deer management zone.

c. Every hunter must have in possession a current paid special antlerless-only deer license for the specified deer management zone.

d. The special deer zone licenses will be valid only for a specific deer management zone and hunters must comply with all applicable regulations provided in 571—Chapter 106.

e. Local authorities may implement additional requirements.

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